

## Amendments to the Specification:

On page 17, please replace paragraph 3 with the following amended paragraph:

The naturally occurring yeast can comprise: *Candida blanki* ATCC 18736, *C. acidothermophilum* ATCC 20831, *C. brassicae* ATCC 32196, *C. famata*, *C. fructus* JCM 1513, *C. guiuilliermondii* ATCC 22017, *C. shehatae* CBS 4705, *C. shehatae* CSIR Y492 (also CBS 2779 and ATCC 60778), *C. shehatae* ATCC 22984- sp CSIR 62 A/2, *C. tenius* CBS 4435, *C. tropicalis* KY 5014, *C. tropicalis* ATCC 20240, *C. tropicalis* ATCC 9968, *C. tropicalis* NRRL y 11860, *Clavispora* sp. UWO 83-833-1, *Kluyveromyces cellobiovous* KV 5199, *K. marxianus*, *Pachysolen tannophilus* NRRL Y 2460 (also ATCC 32691), *P. tannophilus* RL 171, *Pichia segobiensis* CBS 6857, *P. stipitis* CBS 5773, *P. stipitis* CBS 5776, *P. stipitis* NRRL Y 1714, *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* ATCC 2478, *Hansenula anomala* ATCC 34080, *Kluyveromyces fragilitis* ATCC 12424, *Saccharomyces uvarum* ATCC 24556, *S. uvarum* ATCC 26602, *F. oxysporum*, or *Debaryomyces hansenii*. The recombinant yeast can comprise *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *S. cerevisiae* TJ1, *S. cerevisiae* H550, *S. cerevisiae* ATCC 24860, *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* ATCC 2456, or *S. pombe* NRRL Y164.

On page 17, please replace paragraph 4 with the following amended paragraph:

Preferably, the fermenting microorganism is a yeast of the genera *Candida*, *Pichia*, *Pachysolen*, or *Debaryomyces*, such as: *Candida tropicalis*, *Candida tropicalis* strain having ~~an~~ accession number ATCC 9968, which is available from The American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas (VA), 20110-2209, U.S.A., *Pachysolen tannophilus* NRRL Y-2460, which is available from the Microbial Genomics and Bioprocessing Research Unit, National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research, 1815 N. University Street, Peoria, IL 61604, U.S.A. and is also available from the ATCC under ATCC accession number 32691, *Candida shehatae* CBS 2779, which is available from The Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures (CBS) - an institute of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, Uppsalalaan 8, 3584 CT Utrecht, The Netherlands, whose postal address is P.O. Box 85167, 3508 AD Utrecht, The Netherlands and is also available from the ATCC under ATCC accession number 60778, *Pachysolen tannophilus* NRRL Y-2460, the ATCC under accession number 32691 or *Debaryomyces hansenii* ATCC 10620, which is available from the ATCC.